

The Practitioner	Feeling	Development of the Faculties
1. A practitioner	When one experiences a sense object with the sense base, there arises in one what is agreeable (liking), there arises what is disagreeable (disliking), there arises what is both agreeable and disagreeable (dull indifference).	1. He regards them as “conditioned, gross and dependently arisen” until equanimity is established.
2. The learner on the path (the stream-winner, once-returned, and non-returned)		2. He is pained, ashamed, disgusted by what is agreeable, disagreeable, and both agreeable and disagreeable. He sees them as impediments, hindrances to progress. This revulsion is a powerful factor to awakening, like that of a burnt child's dreading the fire, a wise loathing of worldliness.
3. The Noble One with developed faculties (the Arahant)		3. Whatever he experiences, he feels detached. He abides in equanimity, mindful and fully aware, clinging to nothing as his own.

For an ordinary person, whatever he experiences that is agreeable, disagreeable, and both agreeable and disagreeable, his sluggish mind does not know they are dependently arisen, subject to destruction and ceasing; his latent tendency of defilements immediately comes to the surface, causing him to react with greed, hatred, and delusion, and thus he suffers accordingly.



How fleeting sense impressions are, how rapidly they arise and pass away — just as raindrops on a slightly sloping lotus leaf roll off and do not remain there, or like a drop of water that falls on an iron plate, heated for a whole day, would quickly vaporize and vanish — it is our grasping to them as “I” and “mine” that makes them appear lasting.